

MEETING MINUTES ARE “UNOFFICIAL” until approved AT THE 3/12/17 GENNERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PtHA General Membership Meeting
Sunday January, 15,2017 Suzie’s Diner, Syracuse NY

In attendance: Angie Slater, Denise Orman, Michele Hogan, Deanna Ross, Adam Slater, Karin Smith, Karina Witherbee, Ginny Deery, Kay Sheldon-Moyer, Sure Howe, Kathy Warne, Dona Scharping, Becky Carlsen, Deb Schley, Lee McKenna, Lee-Ann Dickson.

Meeting called to order at 11:12 am by Denise Orman.

Secretary report: Minutes from the November meeting were distributed and read by Karin Smith. Motion made by Angela Slater to accept the minutes, 2nd by Becky Carlsen, approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: given by Priscilla Nisiewicz absence:

The account balances are \$3265.10 Checking, \$4397.04 Savings for a total of \$7662.14. There currently is a pending check in the amount of \$171.36 from 2015 that has not been cashed, this amount will be added back into the total checking account amount.

Motion made by Michele Hogan to accept the treasurer’s report, 2nd by Deanna Ross, approved unanimously

Priscilla asked for a motion to transfer \$4300.00 from the savings account to the checking account to cover year-end awards and show approval fees. Motion was made by Dona Scharping to transfer \$4300.00 from saving to the checking account, 2nd by Deanna Ross, approved unanimously.

Priscilla also added that the \$500.00 voted on to purchase the laptop and QuickBooks program is insufficient because she is unable to find a laptop that is compatible with QuickBooks for less than \$400.00. She is requesting a motion to add \$100.00 to the original amount. Lee-Ann Dickson advised Lindsay Delaney grandfather would like to make a \$100.00 donation to the club to add to the purchase of the laptop and QuickBooks program. Motion made by Angela to allow Mr. Delaney’s donation to applied to assist in the purchase of the laptop and computer program, 2nd by Sue Howe, approved unanimously.

Denise stated that an error was made with the Board of Directors and Sue Howe and Florence Riley are Directors.

Per the Bi-Laws the grievance committee can only have 3 members. Deanna Ross volunteered to be removed.

Banquet Committee: Angie Slater stated the banquet date need to be changed by the venue to 2/25/17, as a result they are giving us a \$1.50 per person discount. RSVP’s have been coming and we should have no problems meeting the 50 people minimum. Karin and Angie will be donating appetizers for the event. Angie is also checking on a cake and the cost. Michele Hogan donated \$10.00 and Priscilla donated \$5.00 towards the cake. The youth club will be doing the “Heads or Tails” game as a fundraiser at the banquet. We will also be asking all members to bring in lottery tickets, and silent auction items. We will have raffle tickets for the Kathy’s halter available at the banquet.

Dona Scharping would like to award the most improved rider a custom plate in memorial to Barbara Poupore. Lee McKenna said she could figure out who that would be and let Dona know as soon as possible.

Membership Book: Denise Orman. The membership book is almost ready to go to the printer. The cover will be gold metallic with a 50 Anniversary medallion in the center. The book will be bound with perforated pages. The printer will be using linen paper for the pages at no additional cost. The book will roughly be the same cost as last year. Denise will send the list of advertisers to Karin for Thank You cards.

Challenge Classes: The challenges class have added 1 new rule. There must be 4 entries in the class for the buckle to be awarded. This rule was added so the club can at least get the cost of the buckle reimbursed. The buckles will no longer have the class name on them, so they can be used again if there aren’t enough entries.

Fundraising Committee: Karin contacted the Fairmount Fire Department about the Fish Dinner fundraiser and was advised we would have to guarantee at least 2 people to volunteer every Friday during Lent to work. The members present agreed this should

not be an issue. Karin will contact them again for details. Kay asked what can we offer our sponsors if they donate? Angie will look into that and get back to her. Kay said she will set a goal for herself to raise enough money to pay the rent for 1 of our coliseum shows.

Grievance Committee: Adam Slater states there is nothing to report at this time. Kathy Warne stated she would like to know why the grievance committee went forward with the grievance filed against Kathy McCullough. Kathy quoted the bi-laws and asked why wasn't there a discussion prior to disciplinary action. Adam responded that he has attempted to contact Dan Calmes the previous Chair about this and he has not responded, but He will be reviewing the previous grievance.

Show Committee: Michele Hogan, Sue Stafford has backed out as a judge for the June show and she is looking for a replacement. Angie has contacted the PHBA and they would also like a 4 judge show. She also said we will most likely need to order Hi-Point and Champion ribbons. Karin received an e-mail from Shauna Ford about the show programs stating we can no longer have any walk/trot classes combined English and Western. The show program has been changed to correct this. Show prices have also increased for 2017. Camper fees increased to \$75.00 hooked up and \$65.00 not hooked up. Day/flat fees have increased by \$5.00 per judge. We are still looking for Challenge Class sponsors. Sue Howe will sponsor the SMS for \$150.00.

The following committees had nothing to report: Bi-Laws, Membership, Nominations, Youth.

Motion made by Dona Scharping to adjourn the meeting at 12:31, 2nd by Becky approved unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 12:31.